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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. AGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C. GEORGE STREET & CO., 30, Cornhill, E.C. BATE & GOWIN, Ludgate Circus, E.C. BATES & CO., 37, Walbrook, E.C. HENRY & CO., 150, Fleet Street, E.C. SAMUEL DRACON & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—GALLET & PEINCE, 36, Rue Lafayette, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 21, Park Row.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—Gordon & Gorton, Melbourne and Sydney.

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Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$5,000,000.
INSTALLMENT RECEIVED ON NEW SHARES.....926,765.62

RESERVE FUND.....\$2,500,000.
INSTALLMENT OF PREMIUMS RECEIVED ON NEW SHARES.....608,336.43

\$3,108,336.43

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—W.M. REINERS, Esq.

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LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits.—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
6 " 4 per cent. "
12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drugs granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, August 23, 1883.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. HERMANN FRIEDRICH MEYERINK in our Firm CEASED on the 1st January, 1883.

Mr. JOHANN HINRICH GARRELS is admitted a PARTNER from this date.

MEYER & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1884. 12

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY in our Firm of Mr. WILHELM EXEKIUS CEASED on the 31st December, 1883.

Mr. MAX GROTE, Mr. CARL JANTZEN and Mr. STEPHAN C. MICHAELSEN, who have been Signers of the Firm, are admitted PARTNERS from this date.

Mr. J. GOOSMANN is authorized to sign our Firm for Procurement.

MILCHERS & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1884. 6

NOTICE.

WE HAVE This Day ESTABLISHED a BRANCH of our Firm in Tamsui, Formosa. Mr. WILFRED CHRISTY is authorized to sign on our behalf per Procuration.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1884. 8

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day admitted Mr. J. B. ELIAS a PARTNER in my Business. It will hereafter be conducted under the Style of "BELLILLIOS & CO."

E. R. BELLILLIOS.

Hongkong, January 2, 1884. 7

NOTICE.

MR. GERALD SLADE and Mr. ALEXANDER MC CONACHIE are authorized to sign our Firm from this date.

GILMAN & CO.

Hongkong and Foochow, 1st January, 1884. 13

NOTICE.

Mr. Andrew Wind
New Agent, &c.

133, NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK
is authorized to receive Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., for the China Mail, General China Mail, and China Review.

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cabin or Lodging, Room, or Parcels will be substantially received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 26, 1883.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned will NOT be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS contracted by a YOUNG-MAN who goes by the Name of JOHN DREWES.

GEORGE HERMANN DREWES,
late Master of S.S. "Peking."

Hongkong, January 9, 1884. 69

VICTORIA HOTEL.

Proprietors:

DORABEE & HING KEE,
late Lessees of the HONGKONG HOTEL.

THIS HOTEL is situated on the Praya Central in the centre of the principal Business localities of the city, with a magnificent view of the Harbour and surrounding scenery. From its detached position, perfect ventilation has been secured, and the whole of the ROOMS being commodious and furnished with every requisite and comfort, afford most desirable accommodation.

THE BAR, BILLIARD ROOM, and DINING ROOMS, are fitted up in a superior manner, and are all under European Supervision and Management.

THE TABLE D'HOTE is open every day of the Season, and most satisfactory attendance. WINES and LIQUORS of the best qualities and brands only are supplied. Arrangements for BALLS, BANQUETS, DINNERS and PICNICS made on the most reasonable terms. The tables and almost exclusive services of the Proprietors, and the wide reputation they have gained, are a sufficient guarantee that satisfaction will be given in this respect.

With every facility for making suitable arrangements at reasonable prices, either for permanent or weekly boarders, the Proprietors confidently appeal to the community of Hongkong for a continuance of the generous patronage bestowed upon them during the past eleven years.

Hongkong, November 20, 1883. 954

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

AS the Post of SECRETARY to the Company is about to become vacant Applications for same will be received at the Head Office up to 1st February next.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

WM. REINERS,
Chairman.

Hongkong, January 3, 1884. 27

NORTH BORNEO.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

A SALE of LAND will take place at SANAKAN, NORTH BORNEO, on a future date in 1884, date of such sale to be fixed on the arrival of the FIRST DIRECT STEAMER from North Borneo in January 1884. Conditions of Sale and Agreement with Purchasers can be seen at the British NORTH BORNEO COMPANY'S AGENCY, Hongkong.

PARTICULARS OF LAND.

9. Nos. Lot. Situations. Size. Rent. Per cent.

BLOOMFIELD.....69/70. Sea. 33 ft. by 50 ft. \$5 per lot.

TOWN LAND.....11/12. Sea. 33 ft. by 60 ft. per annum.

HENRY WALKER,
Acting Comptroller of Lands.

LONDON OFFICE,
Elophur, North Borneo,
27th December, 1883. 1221

THE MEDICAL HALL,
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1853.

E. NIEDHARDT, Proprietor.
ANALYTICAL CHEMIST:
IMPORTER OF DRUGS & CHEMICALS, PATENT MEDICINES, PERFUMERY, TOILET REQUIREMENTS, &c., &c., &c.

Manufacturer of Aerated Waters.

MEDICINE-CHESTS SUPPLIED AND REFINED.

Hongkong, December 31, 1883. 1236

NOTICE.

H. CAMPBELL, late of Foochow, has the honour to inform the Gentlemen and Public of Hongkong that he intends opening on about the 16th instant A FIRST-CLASS HAIRDRESSING SALON,

at BANK BUILDINGS, opposite the HONGKONG HOTEL, where he hopes to merit a share of public patronage.

Hongkong, January 1, 1884. 21

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE AT EGYPTIAN AND CONTINENTAL PORTS.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made for passing the Company's Steamers through the SUZI CANAL in OCEANIA, thus avoiding any detention in Egypt. The Homeward Mails are now being landed at VENICE, but the QUARANTINE which is still imposed at this and all other CONTINENTAL PORTS prevents the landing of Passengers, and those travelling by the Company's Steamers are advised to remain on board the vessel which calls at MARSHELSA en route—stopping a few hours only to discharge cargo—and proceed in her direct to LONDON, thus avoiding all QUARANTINE delays and inconveniences.

The Passages of the Steamers will be accelerated, and they will not call at MARSHELSA.

A. McIVER,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, September 6, 1883. 401

E. J. DURNEY,
PROFESSOR OF MUSIC.

LESSONS given on the PIANO and ORGAN.

TERMS MODERATE.

c/o The "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE.

Hongkong, December 18, 1883. 1242

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cabin or Lodging, Room, or Parcels will be substantially received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 26, 1883.

For Sale.

PERFUMERY.

ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.

CHOICE MANILA CIGARS.

CRYSTAL TABLE WARE.

NEW DINNER SERVICES.

TABLE DECORATIONS.

NEW DUPLEX LAMPS.

SLOW COMBUSTION GRATES.

FENDERS and TILE HEARTHS.

LOCKS, BOLTS and HINGES.

LAWN MOWERS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, January 3, 1884.

Intimations.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A Second and Final BONUS of Five per cent. on Contributions, and a DIVIDEND of EIGHTH DOLLARS and TWENTY-NINE CENTS per Share for the year 1882, will be Paid on MONDAY, the 22nd Instant.

WARRANTS may be had on application at the OFFICE of the Society on and after that date.

By Order of the Board,

DOUGLAS JONES,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, October 22, 1883. 767

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE FOURTH and FINAL CALL of £10 Sterling per Share on the 20,000 SHARES, NEW ISSUE of this CORPORATION, will fall due on the 31st DECEMBER CURRENT, in London, Calcutta, Bombay, Shanghai and Hongkong.

REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS entitled to NEW SHARES, are requested to Pay, at the respective OFFICES, the above Call or its equivalent in the Currency of the above-mentioned places.

PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES are being issued in Exchange for the First Call Receipts, which are to be surrendered to the Bank.

Holdings of PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES, when paying this Call, will please send some to this Office to be ordered.

The Rate of Exchange for Hongkong is fixed at 3/4 Sid. or \$53.92 per Share.

THE CHINA MAIL.

[No. 6986. JANUARY 10, 1884.]

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
No. 63, Queen's Road East,
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISSIONER'S),
ARE NOW LANDING
FROM AMERICA.
CALIFORNIA RACKER COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb
tins, and loose.
Soda BISCUITS.
Assorted BISCUITS.

Small HOMINY.
Cracked WHEAT.
OATMEAL.
CORNMEAL.

TOPCAN BUTTER.
Apple BUTTER.
Eastern and California CHEESE.
CODEFISH, Boneless.
Prime HAMS and BACON.
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.
Family BEEF in 25 lb cans.
Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 25 lb cans.
Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage
Milk.
Stuffed PEPPERS.
Assorted SOUPS.
Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted
MEATS.

Lunch HAM.
Lamb TONGUES.
Clam CHOWDER.
Fresh OREGON SALMON.
Dried APPLES.
TOMATOES.
SUCCHETTA.
Maple SYRUP.
Golden SYRUP.
LOBSTERS.
OYSTERS.
HONEY.
Assorted JELLIES.
Green CORN.

FAIRBANKS' SCALES.

400 lb. Capacity.
600 lb. "
900 lb. "
1,200 lb. "

CORN BROOMS.
OFFICE HIGH CHAIRS.
AXES and HATCHETS.
AGATE IRON WARE.
WAFFLE IRONS.
SMOOTHING IRONS.
PAINTS and OILS.
TALLOW and TAR.
VARNISHES.

DEVÖE'S NONPARIEL BRILLIANT KEROSENE OIL,

150° test.

Entire Arrivals from
ENGLAND.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
STORES,
including:
CHRISTMAS CAKES.
PLUM PUDDINGS.
MINGEMBAT.
ALMONDS and RAISINS.

Crystallized FRUITS.
TARTEAU'S DESSERT FRUITS.
Padding RAISINS.
Lane CURRANTS.

FINE YORK HAMS.
PICNIC TONGUES.
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.
SAVORY PATES.

FRENCH PLUMS.
BEAVIN.
INFANTS' FOOD.
CORN FLOUR.

SPARTAN COOKING STOVES.

HITCHCOCK HOUSE LAMP.
PERFECTION STUDENT LAMP.

CLARETS—
CHATEAU MARGAUX.
CHATEAU LA TOURE, pints & quarts.

MES. GRAVES, "

BREAKFAST CLARET, "

SHERRIES & PORT—
SACONE'S MANZANILLA & AMON-

TILLADO.

SACONE'S OLD INVALID PORT
(1848).

HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—
1 and 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.

BISQUIT DUBOURG & Co.'s BRANDY.

FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

KINAHAN'S LL WHISKY.

ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.

BOONE'S OLD TOM.

E. & J. BURKE'S IRISH WHISKY.

ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.

NOILI PEAT & Co.'S VERMOUTH.

CRABBIE'S SCOTCH BRANDY.

EAST INDIAN OPIUM.

CHATEAUSSUE.

MARASCHINO.

CURLACAO.

ANGOSTURA BOKY'S and ORANGE BITTERS.

&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and
SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &

J. BURKE, pints and quarts.

DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the

Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogsheads.

SPECIALLY SELECTED

CIGARS.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in
5 catty Boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

MILNE'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF

SAFES, CASH and PAPER

BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices.

Hongkong, December 1, 1883. 1045

Mails.

Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED
STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,
VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,

AND

ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

THE S. S. ARABIC will be despatched
from San Francisco, via Yokohama,
with the option of calling at Honolulu, on
SATURDAY, the 12th January, at 3 p.m.
Cargo received on board and Parcels at
the Office up to 1 p.m. of day of sailing.

No Bill of Lading signed under \$2

Freight.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to
address in full, and same will be received
at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the
day previous to sailing.

CARGO AND PASSENGERS for Yokohama

will be paid full fare, re-embarking at San
Francisco for China or Japan (*vice versa*)
within six months, will be allowed a discount
of 20% from Return Fare; if re-embarking
within one year, an allowance of 10% will
be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return
Passage Orders, available for one year,
will be issued at a Discount of 20% from
Return Fare. These allowances do not apply
to through fares from China and Japan to
Europe.

Consult Invoices to accompany Overland
Mexican, Central and South American
Cargo, should be sent to the Company's
Offices addressed to the Collector of Customs,
San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 604, Queen's Road Central,
Floor of Messrs RUSSELL & Co.

Mails.

Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

MITSU BISHI MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

STEAM TO NAGASAKI AND KOBE,
VIA INLAND SEA.

(Taking cargo and Passengers for YOKO-

HAMA.)

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

DAVIN & D'ANGELIS.....Lessee

THIS EVENING,
Thursday, 10th January, 1884.

BY SPECIAL REQUEST,
MESSRS. GILBERT & SULLIVAN'S

LATEST AND MOST SUCCESSFUL
COMIC OPERA,

"IOLANTHE,"

or
THE PEER AND THE PERIL."

DRAMATIC PERSONAE.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR.....Mr. D'Angelis.

EARL TOLLOLLO.....F. W. Oakland.

EARL OF MOUNTARA.....C. J. Barber.

PRIVATE WILLIAM (of the
Grenadier Guards). Gentleman Amateur.

STREPHON (an Arcadian Shepherd).

QUEEN OF THE FAIRIES Miss Minnie Nordt.

IOLANTHE (a Fairy, Stepdaughter of the
Shepherd). Florence Conliffe.

LOVANIA (a Local Amateur).

LEILA (Fairies). Miss Dolly Loftus.

PHYLLIS (an Arcadian Shepherdess and
Ward in Chancery). Miss Victoria Loftus.

CHORUS OF DUCES, MARQUISES, EARLS,
VISCONTI and FAIRIES.

CORRECT COSTUMES
from the Original Designs.

BEAUTIFUL SCENERY from THE LONDON
MODELS, prepared by

MR. C. J. BARBER and ASSISTANTS.

THE GRAND MARCH of THE PEERS WITH

FULL BRASS BAND.

Instrumental Music under the direction of
PROF. WILLIAM BLAKENEY.

Act 1st.

A R C A D I A .

Act 2nd.

THE PALACE YARD, WESTMINSTER.

Box Plan at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH,
where Seats may be secured.

J. CHAS. DAVIS,
Manager.

Hongkong, January 10, 1884. 74

INSURANCES.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above
Company, are authorized to Insure
against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1884. 14

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF
His Majesty King George The First,
A.D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to give Insurance as follows:

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates, payable either
in London, or at the principal Ports of
India, China and Australia.

Firs Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872. 496

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL.—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored thereon, or
on the 1st January, 1884. (Parcels are not
to be sent on board; they must be left at
the Agency's Office.)

Proposals for Life Assurance will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1,000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1884. 100

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Company are prepared
to grant Policies on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World, at current
Rates.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, November 5, 1883. 956

NOTICE.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

No. 11—1 case Hats, Order, 240 (in dia.)

from London.

R. M. No. 913—1 case Wine, from Mar-

seilles.

I. MARTIN,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, January 9, 1884. 70

NOTICE LIST—QUOTATIONS.

JAN. 10, 1884.

Stocks, Nos. of Shares, Value, Paid-up, Reserve, Working Account, Last Dividend, Closing Quotations, Cash.

DANES.....125 \$ 125 \$ 3,198,336 \$ 50,603.62 £2 181% = \$3514

INSURANCES, Nth. China Ins. 1,000 £2,900 £600 £1,400,464.77 £1 75 £1,350 p. sh.

About half past one this morning, one of the Sikh guards in Victoria, Gaol, cut his throat, apparently intending to take his life. He was attended to as soon after the occurrence as possible. Fortunately, he was not successful in inflicting a very severe wound on himself, and he is, we believe, in no immediate danger of losing his life. He has been suffering from a slightly disordered brain for some time past, and he is now being carefully watched.

A VERDICT OF CULPABLE HOMICIDE WAS RETURNED THIS MORNING BY MEARS A. SHEPHERD, J. H. SMITH AND A. G. MORRIS, THE JURY WHO WERE EMPANELLED ON THE INQUEST ON THE BODY OF A CHINESE WHO WAS SHOT BY THE POLICE DURING A NIGHT RAID ON A WIDOW'S HOUSE IN BRITISH KOWLOON. THE MAN WHO WAS SHOT AT THE SAME TIME AS DECEASED AND WHO WAS FOUND HIDDEN UNDER SOME BUSHES THIRTY HOURS AFTER THE OCCURRENCE, IS, WE BELIEVE, PROGRESSING FAVOURABLY UNDER THE MEDICAL TREATMENT HE IS RECEIVING AT THE GOVERNMENT CIVIL HOSPITAL. FROM THE EVIDENCE GIVEN AT THE INQUEST, THERE CAN BE LITTLE DOUBT THAT THE POLICE WERE JUSTIFIED IN FIRING ON THE ROBBERS, WHOSE PRESENCE WAS ONLY MADE KNOWN TO THE SIKHS BY THEIR BEING SHOT AT.

The same jury returned a verdict of accidental death in the inquest on the body of a boy who was killed by a stone falling upon him while he was engaged cutting earth for a Government contractor at Yau Ma Tei. The accident could hardly have been foreseen, a portion of a huge stone, whose foundations were firmly imbedded in the earth, suddenly falling apart for the main body and rolling on to deceased, who was working below.

This captain and mate of a steamer which recently arrived in Sydney, were not very good friends at sea. One day, when this latter had been elevating his little finger, and tossing off several veritable "cheat-mate's nips," the captain, who prided himself on the completeness of his long, entered in that sacred time, "mate drunk to-day." The mate, determined to show that his regard for the truth was not exceeded by that of the captain, on the following day made this entry: "Captain sober to-day. Humpf!—Sydney Bulletin."

Those who are alarming themselves and their neighbours by dreadful pictures of the Mahdi in full march on Cairo and Alexandria will do well to note that M. de Lessups, who knows something about Egypt, entirely scorns the idea that the Nile Delta is in any danger. "If the Mahdi attempted to cross this desert," said M. de Lessups, "his army would lose all cohesion. If unopposed he might get to the confines of Upper Egypt, but with an army that would be the source of its own destruction. Artillery would then finish it." To this we may add the obvious consideration that the Mahdi would have the very greatest difficulty in finding any of his tribes to follow him in a far-off land. It is one thing to punish the soldiers of your country; another to undertake the conquest of the world.—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

THE Shanghai *Shen-pao* of the 4th January has a paragraph which shows that there has been a great run on the native banks in Peking. Four of the principal banks are named Hang-jing, Hang-ho, Hang-li, and Hang-yuen; the Chinese character [H]ang, which forms part of the name of each of these banks, signifies that they have been long in existence; and these banks are known as the largest and most reliable in the capital. Since the bankruptcy of Hoo Taotai bank, Vir Khong, there has been a great demand for ready money, and the depositors in the Peking banks thought it was time to exchange their notes and drafts for specie. On the 8th and 9th of last Chinese month, there was a run on these banks, and the stores were crowded with people eager to get notes and drafts exchanged; they were crowded and shouldered to shoulder in the banks, and the cashiers and their assistants were so busy paying out money that they had barely time to repeat their calculations on the counting boards. After a few days, the officials made the run on the banks, and knowing that there was not the least fear of the bankruptcy of the banks, as they are kept by respectable and wealthy persons, but fearing that if the banks ran short of ready money, the panic would become worse, they sent runners to each of the banks to keep the people in order, and caused proclamations to be posted at the banks to the effect that people drawing a few tuels or several tens of taels should be paid in full; on drafts of Tls. 100, only Tls. 100 would be paid at once; and on drafts of Tls. 1000 and upwards only 10 per cent; the balance to be paid from time to time according to further proclamations.—*Shanghai Courier.*

NOTWITHSTANDING THAT LABOUHEU HAS STIGMATED IRVING BISHOP, THE "MINISTER," BY ALMOST EVERY WORD IN THE LANGUAGE THAT IS SYNONYMOUS FOR IMPPOSTOR; HAS BRAVED HIM WITH BETS, AND DEFIED HIM TO LIBEL ACTION; YET AN ACCOUNT OF ONE OF HIS SUITS IN A RELIABLE PAPER CAN HARDLY BE POOCH-POOCHED ASIDA. IT WAS AT DUBLIN. FOR THREE NIGHTS HE HAD GONE THROUGH A ROUND OF ACCUSES; BUT, ON A HOT SATURDAY EVENING, HE FAILED TO READ THE NUMBER OF A BANKNOTE, AFTER SEVERAL TRIES. IN THE EARLY PART HE HAD EXHAUSTED HIS PHYSICAL STRENGTH SHOWING THE DAVENPORT TRICKS; AND A MEDICAL EXAMINATION ON THE STAGE SHOWED HIM WEAK AND GASPING, WITH A PULSE AT NEARLY 180. THIS WAS MOST DETERIORATIVE TO THE MENTAL WORK THAT WAS TO FOLLOW. AFTER A FEW MINUTES' INTERVAL, HE WENT BEFORE HIS AUDIENCE, LOOKING LIKE A SHOT FROM A HUMAN BEING. HIS VOICE, USUALLY FULL, CLEAR, AND RICH, WAS SCARCELY AUDIBLE; HIS EYES SHONE BRILLIANTLY FROM HIS PALLED FACE, AND HIS MANNER BETRAYED A PAINFUL RESTLESSNESS. IN HIS QUEST OF THE HIDDEN PIN HE WAS IMMEDIATELY SUCCESSFUL; IN LOCALISING THE IMPOSSIBLY PAIN HE WAS SEVERAL TIMES WRONG, BUT FINALLY RIGHT. HE WAS GROWING MORE AND MORE EXCITED, AND IT WAS EVIDENT, WAS MAKING A DESPERATE EFFORT TO HOLD ON TO THE END. THEN, WHEN HE FAILED, REPEATEDLY IN HIS ATTEMPT TO READ THE NUMBER OF THE BANK-NOTE, EVERYONE SAW THE LONG STRUGGLE WAS RIDING AND CRIES OF "ENOUGH, ENOUGH," FILLED THE HOUSE. A GLASS OF WATER WAS GIVEN TO HIM, AND AGAIN HE TRIED, AND AGAIN FAILED. ON LEAVING THE PLATFORM HE AWOKED, WAS CONVEYED HOME, AND FOR SOME HOURS LAY BETWEEN UNCONSCIOUSNESS AND DEATH. BISHOP'S DOCTORS SAY HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO APPEAR AGAIN FOR A LONG TIME, AND AGAIN FAILED. MANY CONSCIENTIOUSLY FEEL THAT THE FAILURE IS A GREATER PROOF OF GENUINNESS THAN THERE WOULD BE IN UNIFORM SUCCESS.—*Sydney Bulletin.*

NOTES BY THE WAY.

The word "Ouah" referred to by your London correspondent as being in every vulgar mouth in the Metropolis at the present time, may, I think, be taken to be the English equivalent of the Chinese expression "Hy-yah." When he is astonished the Chinaman exclaims "Hy-yah"; when he is disgusted his feelings still find vent in the same syllable, while as condensed sarcasm, with wide applicability, "Hy-yah" is supreme.

A report is going round that Mr McEwen has thrown up his engagement as Superintendent of Police at Shanghai, but I have not yet been able to verify it.

With five un-official members of the Legislative Council, as against seven official ones, we enjoy a greater measure of representative government than does Gibraltar—a British possession situated very similarly over the body of a Chinese who was shot by the Police during a night raid on a widow's house in British Kowloon. The man who was shot at the same time as deceased and who was found hidden under some bushes thirty hours after the occurrence, is, we believe, progressing favourably under the medical treatment he is receiving at the Government Civil Hospital. From the evidence given at the inquest, there can be little doubt that the Police were justified in firing on the robbers, whose presence was only made known to the Sikhs by their being shot at.

The same jury returned a verdict of accidental death in the inquest on the body of a boy who was killed by a stone falling upon him while he was engaged cutting earth for a Government contractor at Yau Ma Tei. The accident could hardly have been foreseen, a portion of a huge stone, whose foundations were firmly imbedded in the earth, suddenly falling apart for the main body and rolling on to deceased, who was working below.

I hear that the Lotus Troupe have in preparation *Les Cloches de Corinthe*. This opera is, in my estimation, the queen of the lighter operas. The music is charming; there are some extremely pretty solos, notably "Silent Heroes," with its effective chorus; and there is also a good plot, with a dash of the tragic in it, particularly the scene where the miser is surprised counting his hoarded gold. "Gobo" and the "Bâille" are most laughable characters. With the assistance of the amateur, the Lotus Troupe should be able to give an excellent representation of the opera, and I venture to predict it will be the most popular piece placed before the community by the Company.

A PROPOS OF MY RECENT REMARKS ON THE HAMBURG LOTTERIES, I NOTICE THAT A REPUTABLE HOME PAPER ASSERTS THAT THESE LOTTERIES ARE DRAWN WITH UNPREMISEABLE FAIRNESS, SO AS TO MAKE THE CITY OF HAMBURG IS CONCERNED. TWO CHILDREN FROM THE MUNICIPAL ORPHANAGE ATTEND, IT IS SAID, ON A GIVEN DAY AT THE TOWN HALL. THEY TAKE THE PRIZE NUMBERS OUT OF TWO REVOLVING WHEELS IN SUCCESSION, HANDING THEM AS THEY DO SO TO TWO CLERKS, WHO READ OUT THE NUMBER AND THE PRIZE DRAWN WITH IT, AND THEN REGISTER THEM IN THE PRESENCE OF A COMMITTEE OF SCRUTINEERS.

YOU WERE GOOD ENOUGH TO HAND OVER TO ME SOMETIME AGO TWO VERY SINGULAR CIRCULARS WHICH HAD BEEN SENT TO YOUR OFFICE, AND WHICH I SUPPOSE YOU THOUGHT COULD BE BEST COMMENTED UPON IN MY WEEKLY NOTES. ONE OF THESE VALUABLE SHEETS WAS HEADED "ECONOMICAL DISCOVERY, OR THE DIFFICULTIES OF NEUTRALS," EXTRACTED, I BELIEVE, FROM THE *Pall Mall Gazette*. THE BURDEN OF THIS ARTICLE WAS THAT, IN THE EVENT OF A WAR OCCURRING BETWEEN FRANCE AND CHINA, THE FORMER POWER WOULD BE UNABLE TO SEND TRANSPORTS AND WAR VESSELS OUT TO THE FAR EAST FOR WANT OF EATING STATIONS EN ROUTE, BRITISH PORTS BEING NECESSARILY CLOSED TO SUCH VESSELS UNDER THE NEUTRALITY LAW. IT SEEMS TO ME THE WRITER OF THIS ARTICLE LEFT OUT OF CALCULATION TWO OR THREE IMPORTANT POINTS. ONE IS THAT THE FRENCH HAVE ALREADY IN THESE WATERS A SUFFICIENT FLF OF WAR VESSELS TO CARRY ON OPERATIONS AGAINST CHINA, AND ANOTHER IS THAT, SO FAR AS I CAN SEE, THERE WOULD BE NOTHING TO PREVENT THE FRENCH FROM OBTAINING THEIR COAL FROM SAILORS EN ROUTE, THE SAILORS BEING DESPATCHED FROM FRANCE TO WAIT ON THE FRENCH FORCES.

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TO CARRY OUT MY PLAN ALL THAT IS NECESSARY IS TO PURCHASE AN ADDITIONAL TRACT OF LAND AND TO ERECT THE IMPLEMENTS OF LABOUR. THE REQUISITE CAPITAL MAY BE FURNISHED BY THE PERSONS THEMSELVES WHO DESIRE TO FORM PART OF THE COLONY.

THE PRODUCT OF THE LABOUR AND SKILL OF EACH, TO BE BROUGHT TO ONE COMMON STORE AND THERE SOLD OUT TO THE PUBLIC AT PRICES TO BE FIXED BY THE DIRECTORS OF THE COLONY, AND WITHOUT FRAUD OR DECEIT OF ANY KIND; ALL PURCHASES AND SALES TO BE EFFECTED BY MEANS OF A PAPER CURRENCY TO BE ESTABLISHED EXCLUSIVELY BY THE COLONY.

EACH YEAR A BALANCE SHEET WILL BE STRUCK, THE MAGAZINE CLEARED OUT, AND EVERYTHING SOLD AND THE NET PROCEEDS EQUALLY DIVIDED AMONG ALL, AFTER PAYING ALL TAXES DUE TO THE GOVERNMENT; SO THAT THE INDIVIDUALS COMPOSING THE COLONY SHALL BE FREE FROM ALL IMPOSTS OR TAXES OF EVERY KIND.

THIS SCHEME SEEMS TO ME TO BE A SLIGHT VARIATION OF THE PRINCIPLE THAT THERE SHOULD BE AN EQUAL DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY; THAT THE HOG, IN FACT, SHOULD SHARE AS WELL AS THE INDUSTRIAL, AND THE GREAT INCENTIVE TO WORK AND USEFULNESS—THE ACQUISITION OF THE GOOD THINGS OF THIS WORLD—BE DESTROYED.

IT IS THE NET PROCEEDS FROM THE PRODUCTS OF THESE HAPPY COMMUNITIES DESCRIBED AS TO BE EQUALLY DIVIDED, THE AUTHOR DOES NOT TELL US WHAT EXACTLY INDUCEMENT THERE IS FOR ANY MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY TO EXERT HIMSELF IN GETTING A LIVING. THE SCHEME IS, OF COURSE, THE PRODUCT OF A MAN WITH A DEFECTIVE BRAIN, BUT HIS LUCUBRATIONS REACH ME TRANSLATED INTO NEARLY EVERY EUROPEAN LANGUAGE, AND WITH THE ASSURANCE THAT HE HAS WORRIED THE LEADING STATESMAN

IN NEARLY EVERY CIVILIZED COUNTRY WITH HIS NOTIONS.

THE OTHER ARTICLES SENT BY THE AUTHOR IN A STATEMENT OF A DISCOVERY HE HAS MADE, BUT NOT YET PUT INTO PRACTICE; OF NAVIGATING A BALLOON IN THE AIR AGAINST THE WIND. I BELIEVE YOU HAVE ALREADY PUBLISHED IT, AND I DARE SAY YOUR READERS WERE AMUSED BY ITS ABSURDITY.

A REPORT IS GOING ROUND THAT MR MC-EWEN HAS THROWN UP HIS ENGAGEMENT AS SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE AT SHANGHAI, BUT I HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO VERIFY IT.

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